

Duty and Destiny.

It is interesting and it ought not to be unprofitable to watch the current of events and read the history of nations—to study those larger questions and enterprises which agitate nations and concern the world; but it would neither be wise nor beneficial to permit our minds to be pre-occupied with that class of subjects to the neglect of those of a more home and practical character. That the course of empire is westward has, indeed, become a truism. Even now the Red Man slowly and sadly climbs the Western mountains and reads his doom in the de arting sun. Here, on the Pacific, must be the seat of empire. Here must rise up a giant Anglo-Saxon power that will give civilization and laws to the world. We are here as the honored pioneers, and to us, consequently, attach grave responsibilities. To us belongs the honor of laying the foundations, so to speak, of British Dominion in the Great West. The honor is great; but the responsibility is still greater. There is a keen and most able competitor for supremacy on this continent, and it must be clear that if the Imperial and Dominion Governments do not push empire westward with more than their wonted alacrity there is danger that empire will slip from their grasp. While the Lion sleeps the Eagle may carry away the noble prize. There must, therefore, be prompt and earnest working. It is not fun and talk that is needed now. Purpose must not be allowed to exhale itself in mere pretensions, nor strength to exhaust itself by flux of words. We must not think to set a plant to grow with its heels in the air and then look for roots, flowers and fruit, all by the same process of excitation. Nature does her grandest works of construction in silence; and although what Carlyle calls the "Silences" are the least honored of all the minor gods of the present day, it is by a quiet and manly discharge of present duty, by pluck and plod that we shall best perform our part.

Regarding the future from our present standpoint in this colony, there is doubtless much to discourage and to try. The colony has been brought very low. The people must be willing to share the blame with the Government. Nay, it is the fault of the people that the Government has been what it has. United and determined action would have moulded it to the popular will long ago. But divisions, petty differences and jealousies have done their work, and have left an imbecile Government complete and undisturbed master of the situation. There is a tide in human affairs that casts men into tight places, and sometimes leaves them there like stranded lobsters. If they choose to lie where the breakers have flung them, expecting some grand billow to take them on its shoulders and carry them to smooth water, the chances are that their hopes will never be realized. As colonists we have been wretchedly stranded. A Government chiefly remarkable for fecklessness and selfish prodigality has pursued a course of daft do-nothingism, until we are left high and dry. Let us not act the part of the lobster; but, instead of bemoaning the past, let us, drawing from it what lessons and warnings we may, strike out with boldness and self-reliant energy. Let us ever bear in mind that

Tomorrow a mischief that is past and gone, is the next way to draw new mischief on. Was not our misfortune when fortune takes, Fate her misfortune and our wretched state? The world that smiles stealing something from the thief.

He robs himself that spends a bootless grief. As the representatives of Great Britain on the Pacific, as the pioneers, the layers of the foundation of the Greater Britain of the West, we must not be content with folding our arms and singing "Rule Britannia." It greatly behooves us to be up and doing, or we may yet be led by the inexorable logic of events to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." British Columbia needs the best efforts of the colonies just now. It cannot be denied that the leaven of uncertainty and apprehension is doing its work. Continued speculation and doubt as to the probable immediate future is not a condition calculated to further contentment or progress. Men are distracted by the discussion of theories from the practical duty of the day. The people must arise in their might and take the position which befits them as Britons. They must become the arbiters of their own destiny. The people of this colony will never feel themselves true men until they shake off the political fetters by which they have been come dwarfed and dispirited—until they become freemen, recruited in those rights purchased by the best blood of their ancestors, and of which they have been so cruelly and audaciously deprived in this colony.

Dominion Mail Summary.

We have received Canadian exchanges to the 15th ult, in great part occupied with details of the doings of the Winnipeg rebels. Scott's execution is fully confirmed, and the motive which incited Reil thereto is clearly indicated. He hoped by that act to so commit his followers to the cause, so that they would, as he expressed it, have to fight the British "with their necks in a noose." The Rev Mr Young, Methodist Missionary, was refused Scott's body for Christian burial. Col. De Salaberry and Father Thibault, who were present at the shooting. The news of Scott's execution has caused the most in-

teresting feeling throughout the Dominion, and in all the principal towns and cities indignation meetings have been held. At Toronto Ottawa and Montreal these meetings were very large and influential. At the last named city there were 22 speakers on the platform. Father Richat and Scott, two of the Delegates from Red River, have to be protected by a guard, so great is public indignation at the capital. General Lindsay was conferring with the Governor-General. He takes full command of the expedition, and it is thought he will assume the functions of Governor of the North-West Territory, after the transfer is made to Canada, and remain until peace is fully restored. The Imperial Government, it is said, will bear the entire expense. A considerable number of Canadian Rifles will compose the regular troops. The Canadian troops will be enlisted for two years. They are to be selected by the Deputy-Adjutant General in equal proportions from the several military districts in Ontario and Quebec. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will furnish no part of the quota. They will compose about a battalion, and will be under the command of a regular officer. The majors and subordinate officers will be appointed on the advice of the Adjutant General of Canada. The steel battery was expected to arrive from England by way of Quebec, about the 20th ult, and the men composing the battery are picked men of the Royal Artillery. It is provided that the volunteers will receive a grant of land on being discharged, which will most likely take place before the two year term expires. It is expected that the expedition will leave on the 10th May. The troops will have to march around Sault Ste. Marie Canal. It is expected that they will be ready to move three days after reaching Fort William. Teams will convey heavy freight thence to Lake Shobowandun, a distance of 40 miles. Boats, of which 100 will be provided, will then be put in requisition. Mr Simon Dawson will accompany the expedition, and if said he contends that it can be put through in eight days from Fort William to Fort Garry, but that seems hardly credible. There is no doubt, however, that General Lindsay will push the campaign with vigor. The Indians at Fort Francis are friendly and will join the British troops. A fine geological map of Canada has just been published. It was got up under the direction of Sir William Logan, and has occupied about twelve years in preparation. The deaths of Hon M H Foley, and of Daniel Morrison, editor of the Toronto Telegraph, are announced; also that of Mr Chapman, M P, of Nova Scotia, from smallpox. In the everlasting Reilstein case the Grand Jury found true bills in two cases.

European Mail Summary.

English papers are to the 20th of April: The Queen of the Netherlands left England on the 29th March. Gen Grey, Private Secretary to Queen Victoria, died March 31st, never having regained consciousness since he was seized with paralysis. His daughter, the Duchess of St. Albans, was delivered of a son on the same day at her father's residence. The House of Lords pronounced judgment in the Wicklow Peerage case, allowing the claim of Mr Howard and rejecting that of Mrs Howard's alleged infant son. The Bishop of Mauritius—Dr Harchard—is dead. The Rev N Woodard has been appointed a canon of Manchester. John Bright is improving in health, but is still enjoined to abstain from all business or excitement. The election at Newark was proceeding. Lord Courtney has retired from the representation of East Devon and will probably be succeeded by Mr Kennaway, to whom no opposition is expected. Captain White, M P, for Tipperary, has met with a severe accident in the hunting field. A new novel by Mr De raceli, entitled "Lothair," will be published next month. Col Elphinstone, the prosecutor of the suit in the Arches Court against the Rev J Purchas, of Brighton, having died, the proceedings have lapsed. Mr Hardiment has been convicted of bribery at the last Norwich election, but the sentence in the case has not yet been pronounced. Several Spaniards, who had presented a somewhat tame imitation of a bullfight at the Agricultural Hall, have been fined for cruelty. Two non-commissioned officers and several privates in a volunteer corps at Newcastle-under-Lyme have been sentenced by the magistrates to payment of fines for insubordination. Two men were drowned near Malton while attempting to escape from a police constable. The importation of live cattle from Buenos Ayres has not proved successful, the prices realized by sale of animals being inadequate to meet the expenses. The turbulent spirit which has so long unsettled many Irish counties still continues, and fresh instances of violence have occurred. Emigration to the United States is again assuming very large proportions. The Longford Election Inquiry is proceeding. Evidence has been given of violent language and gross intimidation on the part of some priests who supported Mr Nugent. A deputation waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to urge the abolition of the Income tax under Schedule D, but Mr Lowe's reply is not favorable. The Bristol election resulted in the return of Mr Robinson, the Liberal candidate, after a closer contest than had been expected with the Conservative candidate, Mr Hare. At the Taunton Assizes Mr Vanderyb was acquitted of bribery at the late Bridgwater election, but his partner, Mr Fenelly, and Dr Kinglake, brother of Mr A W Kinglake, were found guilty. The sentences were postponed. The Bishop of Manchester was consecrated and Dr Parry has been consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Dover. At a meeting of the Education League in London it was determined to insist upon a compulsory system of secular education. A meeting was also held, at which several ladies were speakers, in furtherance of the woman's suffrage movement. Mr J S Mill made an earnest speech in support of the proposition to allow women to vote at elections. The man Mobbs, convicted of murdering a boy, was executed at Aylesbury. Mr Cottrell, a member of a well-known firm of solicitors in the city of London, has disappeared. A man was convicted of murdering a gamekeeper employed by the Maharajah Duleep Singh, in Suffolk, and has been condemned to death. Lady Lopes, mother of two members of the present House of Commons, died from injuries caused by her dress accidentally taking fire.

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By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, April 29.—The Times' Washington special says that the statements sent hence relative to the Indian troubles in the North-West are exaggerated. The Tribune's dispatches say a bill passed the House for establishing Department Justice, and is designed to reduce expenses now incurred by extra legal service. In the Senate, Williams, from Conn., on Pacific Railroad, reported, with amendments, a bill to authorize the Southern Minnesota Railroad to connect with the Northern Pacific Railroad. Also, with amendments, a bill to aid the construction of the Oregon Branch Pacific Railroad. In the House a bill granting lands to aid in the construction of the railroad and telegraph from Portland to Astoria and Mollierville, Oregon, excited a long debate. Smith of Oregon argued in support of the bill as in the interest of settlers present and prospective. Bill passed 99 to 69.

RICHMOND, April 29.—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia this morning decided that the Enabling Act passed by the Legislature was Constitutional, and that Ellison, not Cahoon, was lawful Mayor of the city.

Europe.

PARIS, April 29.—Meetings held yesterday to discuss matters relative to the plebiscite were more turbulent than ever. One held by the opponents of plebiscite in this city was dissolved by the authorities because an accusation of the Emperor was proposed. The people separated without riot, though they expressed their disapproval by cheering for the republic and singing the *Marseillaise*. Many other meetings were held in the city which, however, were generally orderly. At some of them it was resolved that those who favored the republic would vote no.

About 300 refugees who had been comprised by the late troubles in Spain, arrived in France yesterday. M Lorinina who, at a public meeting last night urged the impeachment of the Emperor, was arrested this morning.

The Cardinal, Archbishop Chambers and Bishop Gap have ordered their clergy to vote in the affirmative.

Canada.

OTTAWA, April 29.—In the Commons Cartier announced that the Red River delegation had been consulted by the government. Donald Smith, Superintendent of the Mission of Red River, was before the House. He recommended a strong force to be sent. Following is the reported plan of compromise to be offered by government: First, to organize small provinces on both sides of Red River, about 150 miles square, which will cover the settlement of half breeds. Second, The Legislature shall have control of the public lands of the Province. Third, Subsidy shall be granted by the Dominion for colonial expenses. Fourth, The balance of the new territory shall be governed from Ottawa.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Arrived, April 29th—U S steamer Mohican, 11 days from Victoria, under sail.

Cleared, April 29th—Barkentine Webfoot, Astoria. April 28th—Schooner Maggie Johnston for Victoria, with per inward cargo of 200 tons Hawaiian salt in transit.

Sailed, April 28th—Schooner May Johnston, Port Townsend; barkentine Milan, Coos Bay; schooner Wark J Parks, Coos Bay.

The China steamer takes 4000 tons of per ton against 25 per sailing vessels.

Wheat—Millers appear well supplied. Exports demand a limit of \$1 30/\$1 60 per 100 pounds. 500 sacks fair \$1 40 per 100 pounds.

Barley—Under a speculative movement, the intent of which is not made public, prices have advanced to \$1 01/\$1 12 per cwt. Good coast \$1 07.

Oats are quoted at about \$1 30/\$1 55.

Second Dispatch.

Europe.

LONDON, April 29.—The Weekly Register, the recognized organ of the Roman Catholics here and well instructed as to the movements of the Vatican, says the Ecumenical Council has work before it for a year.

A portion of the new Metropolitan railway under the northern end of Blackfriars bridge fell to-day. Men were at work upon it at the time. Twelve were buried in the ruins, but all taken out alive, some probably fatally injured, others slightly. Two have since died in hospital.

A rumor was in circulation yesterday, which, however, is generally discredited, that the American Consul at Yeddo was killed by natives. It had a very depressing effect on the Japanese loan recently negotiated.

Rome, April 29.—The Pope still persists in withholding Daru's note to Ecumenical Council notwithstanding the concurrence of the Great Powers therein.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Arrived—Steamer Ajax, from Portland; bark Glimpse, from Port Discovery with lumber to S L Mastick & Co.

Cleared—Steamer China, Yokohama. Bark Moneywick, Port Townsend. Bark Mary Bell Roberts, Bellingham Bay.

Sailed—Bark W H Gwaley, Port Townsend. Bark Milan, Port Gamble. Brig Almack, Portland. Schooner Enterprise, Umpqua.

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MRS. HAYWARD (late of Angela College) respectfully informs her former patrons and friends that she will receive Young Ladies for tuition at her Residence, Fort Street, on and after Monday, May 2d.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS FITTED up for the reception of guests the upper floor of the building occupied by Scott, Tye & Co. as Lounge Room. The establishment has been entirely renovated, and the Beds are provided with Spring Mattresses and every convenience. Wm. McKENZIE, of the Oriental Hotel.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special public meeting of the Householders and Freeholders of Victoria school District, will be held at City Council Chambers, Broad street, on Wednesday next, the 4th prox, at 7 30 p.m. for the purpose of taking into consideration the best method of raising a School Fund for the present year.

The following are the sources under the "Common School Ordinance, 1867," from which Revenue for the above purpose can be derived.

1. Tuition Fee not exceeding \$2 per month.
2. Tax per capita on each Householder and Freeholder not exceeding \$2 per annum.
3. Voluntary subscription.

Wm. LEIGH, Sec'y.

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TENDERS.

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Victoria, April 27, 1870. ap28 1m

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NOTICE

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I will only accept COIN for RENTS as well as other payments to be made to me. L. S. LOWENBERG.

THE Enterprise arrived from New Westminster yesterday at 5 p.m. with the mail and Barnard's Express from Oariboo. Among the passengers were Mr Cornwall, of Ashcroft, Mr and Mrs McMicking, Rev Mr Browning and wife and Mr Hugh Nelson. About \$80,000 in gold was brought for the banks and on private account.

LOWER-RIVER ITEMS.—The body of Mr Goudie of Queenenmouth, has been interred at Yale. The freemen of New Westminster will parade to-morrow. The occasion of Rev Mr Browning, an early Gospel pioneer, leaving for the East is made the subject of a complimentary paragraph in the Guardian.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt Clarke, arrived from Nanaimo and Comox at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Amongst her passengers were Mr Morley, J. P. and Messrs Baily, Webb and Peck. The ship Shooting Star had arrived from San Francisco and was loading.

TELEGRAPHIC.—Mr McMicking, late operator at Yale, having been promoted to succeed Mr A G Richardson, (who goes to England), as agent for the W U Telegraph Company at Victoria, arrived last evening.

It is a well-known fact that the Emperor of Russia has repeatedly had terrible attacks of delirium tremens. During these attacks he is always tortured by the belief that he murdered his father, Nicholas, and poisoned his eldest son.

At the first meeting of the Duke of Newcastle's creditors, debts to the amount of £80,000 were proved. Poole, the famous tailor, is a creditor, one item of his "little bill" being £60 for a pair of silk dressing trousers.

ENGLISH SHIPPING.—The H. B. Co's bark Princess Royal, Anderson, sailed from London for Vancouver Island on the 23d March, and the bark Ada, 413 tons, Fallowham, was loading at London at latest dates.

THE COFFERDAM by means of which H M S Charybdis will be raised, was launched yesterday. It is an immense affair and sits like a house-aft on the water. It will be placed in position as quickly as possible.

LADY FRANKLIN, yesterday, upon the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, was driven to Government House and was hospitably received. Her ladyship appears in excellent health and spirits.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company are asking for a subsidy of one million dollars per annum for carrying the mail to China.

ADMIRAL FARQUHAR yesterday inspected the gunboat Boxer.

Letter from Rev. Father Seghers at Rome.

Rome, March 17th, 1870.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The Right Reverend Bishop Demers, missing very much in the Colonist, the pioneer of the Press in British Columbia, has contrived, through the means of a friend in London, to get it, and thus, through the channel of your estimable newspaper, we receive and read, with lively interest, a great many particulars about a town and a country which, forsooth, have all our sympathy.

It does not belong to me to state my views on the several questions, either political or commercial, discussed in your valuable paper; but it may be my duty to express my opinion about the ecclesiastical news which is said to come from Rome concerning the Ecumenical Council. Permit me to state, Mr Editor, that a great deal of it is unintelligible and false, still another portion of it is untrue and false, still another portion of it is base slander and calumny, and a very small portion of it may be called true and correct.

I do not lay on you Mr Editor, the charge of forging nonsensical dispatches concerning Rome, neither do I blame you for publishing them; but I know as well from other people's experience as from my own that this forgery must be ascribed to that lying machine which is called telegraph, and to that lying spirit which is called electricity.

I shall not, however, confine myself to mere assertions; I shall add a few proofs to substantiate my statement; thus, for instance, in your issue of the 9th day of February, a dispatch from Rome says that 'Dr Daltayas protests against the doctrine of the dogma of Infallibility.' The truth is that this Dr Daltayas, whose name is Dollinger, protested at least ten months ago, not in Rome, but in Munich, in Bavaria. Another dispatch says: 'The Pope is ill, suffering from cold, but presides in the Council every day.' The truth is that the Pope is not ill, but enjoys splendid health, both since and before the opening of the Council, and that he does not preside every day, but only in public sessions.

Another dispatch says: 'Father Graciray will be superseded as the Superior of the Orators on account of his letter on the Ecumenical Council. The Papal authorities have forbidden the publication by the Bishops of the contents of his letter written by him to Archbishop Malines. It is supposed that in this letter the Bishop commits himself decidedly against the dogma of Infallibility.' The truth is that Father Graciray, that is, Father Gratry, will not be superseded as the Superior of the Orators, simply because he is not the Superior of the so-called Orators—in fact he is perhaps no Orator at all, because he left that religious order years ago. The Papal authorities have much more important things to look after than the miserable productions of F. Gratry—and as far as the last sentence is concerned, either it has no meaning or it contains a base slander against the learned Archbishop of Malines.

I stop these unpleasant quotations, Mr Editor, because I think more is unnecessary to prove what I stated at the outset and to put you and your readers on your guard against all dispatches issuing from the news-manufacturing company called Havas. This company, which has the monopoly of telegraphical commerce, is but too well known to the Catholic Press in Europe.

I might add a few words about the dogma of Infallibility which seems just now to attract the attention of the whole world, and concerning which there is among Bishops no other disagreement than as to the question whether or not this is the proper time to define it as an article of our faith. But this would make my letter too long, and I confine myself to the expressing of my opinion that we would all act very wisely if we patiently waited the decision of the Ecumenical Council and the explanations which the Church will readily give to her inquiring children.

I conclude with stating that after a rainy and unpleasant winter the glorious weather of Spring is infusing new life into nature. I am quiet; the people are content and satisfied. The influence of strangers has given an impulse to business, and I dare say it would be hard to find a city more happy and blessed than Rome under the paternal government of Pope Pius IX. Disturbance and revolution are never fomented here except by 'Farestieri,' (strangers). The Romans are the first to acknowledge it.

You will oblige me, Mr Editor, by inserting this letter in your valuable journal, And believe me yours truly,

Chs. SEGHERS, pr.

Odd Fellows' Anniversary Festival.

ORATION OF BRO. THE HON. JOHN ROBSON, DELIVERED AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE, APRIL 26, 1870.

MR. CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—We are assembled here to-day to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the institution of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on this continent, and the duty which devolves upon me is at once agreeable and painful. Agreeable, because I esteem it no small honor to have been unanimously chosen as Orator of the day by both of the Lodges under whose auspices we are now convened, while yet with my foot upon the lowest round of that mystical ladder leading to such sublime heights in our Order. Painful, because of my conscious inability to do anything like justice to the great and glorious theme of the day.

In the performance of the duty which the partiality of the Brothers has assigned me in the exercises of the day I shall not attempt anything like an "oration"; but rather endeavour, by a few simple, homely remarks, to present our Institution before you in such a light as may tend to dispel some of the popular prejudices which it has had to encounter in all ages and communities, by telling you in plain words its principles and its objects; and in the first place let us take a hasty glance at the origin and history of Odd Fellowship.

Some have gone very far back to look for its origin, only authority claiming for its antiquity equal with that of our race, and boldly asserting that Adam was the first Odd Fellow. And startling as this assertion may seem it will be admitted that there is some show of truth about it; for if Adam was not an Odd Fellow in the mystical sense, it will readily be conceded that he was an Odd Fellow indeed, in the more familiar acceptance of the word; and especially was he so prior to being presented with a wife. Others, again, have searched diligently through antiquarian history for some basis upon which to establish the antiquity of the Order; but it must be confessed that these researches have not been attended with any very satisfactory results.

But why seek amid the crumbling columns of ancient temples? Why grope by the sickly and phosphorescent light that glows from the ashes of the dead in Egyptian sepulchres for evidence of its remote origin? May we not rather claim for our noble Institution that, being free from the musty crudities and superstitions of early and darker times, it is peculiarly adapted to the spirit and genius of a more enlightened and progressive age? Let it be our boast that it bears the impress of a higher civilization, rather than the marks of great antiquity. Beyond the end of the last century there is little warrant to go for any definite and reliable history of our Order. Beyond that all is obscurity. In 1788 we find Montgomery invoking his poetic muse in a verse commencing,

"When Friendship, Love and Truth abound
Among a band of brothers,"

for a society in London bearing our motto, and known as a Lodge of the "Ancient and Honourable Order of Odd Fellows." Early in the present century the Order was introduced into America. On the 23rd of December 1806 Shakespeare Lodge was instituted in New York. Others soon followed. But the regular organization of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as existing at the present time, was first established in the city of Baltimore on the 26th April 1819, by Thomas Wilder, John Duncan, John Welsh, John Cheatham and Richard Rushworth. Fifty-one years ago to-day was the small seedling planted in America on soil by the hands of these five comparatively obscure but noble Brothers. From that small and apparently insignificant beginning has the Institution sprung in America. The small seed planted 51 years ago in the city of Baltimore has produced a gigantic tree whose roots are now laid by the two great oceans and under the grateful shadow of those wide-spreading branches millions of our race have found friendly shelter. It has borne three manner of fruit,—Friendship, Love and Truth,—which fruit has been for the healing of the nations. That tree must continue to spread its roots and expand its branches until they afford shelter and succour to every kindred and people and nation on the face of the earth.

Let us turn for a moment to the objects and teachings of our Order; for it matters little whether it can claim an origin dating beyond the Flood; The great point for us to consider is, "Are its objects and teachings good?" The inner work of our Order is preeminently symbolical. By symbols you must work your way into the Lodge. By symbols you ascend that mystical ladder which conducts the industrious and faithful to the highest degree in the Order. These symbols are of the most impressive kind. I am not going to draw aside the veil and tell you what they are; but I may be permitted to tell you some of the lessons they are so admirably calculated to teach. Friendship, Love and Truth—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity—Faith, Hope and Charity—Prudence, Temperance and Justice. The initiate is taught by the most impressive symbols that he is mortal, sinful, weak. He is taught that humility is better than riches; that to relieve distress, to visit and minister to the sick and dying, to wipe the tear from the widow's cheek and the orphan's eye is a more honourable and meritorious act than to acquire wealth and influence and worldly renown. In a word, he is taught the blessedness of doing good, and the vanity of all worldly glory. He is taught what true greatness is—that

"The drying up a single tear hath more of honest truth than suchling seas of gore."

Each Brother is taught to regard virtue as the highest aim of life. From the Lodge rooms are banished all the distinctions and classifications of the world, and he who comes to our temples must be prepared to sacrifice upon the Altar of Friendship, Love and Truth every selfish, intolerant and evil passion. There is something peculiarly simple and childlike about the work and teachings of our Order. You will have remarked this feature even in the simple little Ode with which these exercises were opened. It is thus, with the simplicity of little children, that all must come to the inner work of our Order. Now, there is something here which should claim your most serious attention. How prone is man to become inflated with pride, and to forget, in a scramble for honour, wealth and power, his duty to his God, his fellow creature, and to himself? How often is he found attempting to scramble up the hill of earthly fame, utterly regardless of the rights of other, trampling them, it may be, under his impatient feet? Now, how utterly foolish and wicked is all this. Look at Solo-

mon. No man ever attained to such a degree of earthly power and glory. Having the good sense to choose wisdom in preference to riches he possessed both in a pre-eminent degree. So great was his fame that he became the wonder of the world, and Kings and Queens came from afar to look upon his glory and splendour and to listen to his words of great wisdom. No one in this audience, probably no one in the world, will have an opportunity of so thoroughly testing the value of mere worldly good—and yet what was the result, "Vanity of vanities—all is vanity," was the emphatic verdict of Solomon. Again, look at Alexander the Great. A lower type of man, he sought fame and greatness in a somewhat different path than that chosen by Solomon, and, as might well be anticipated, the result was even less satisfactory. So successful was he that he is said to have conquered the world. But look at the sequel. This so-called great man never conquered himself. He never learned those lessons of humility and real greatness which are inculcated by our system, and the result was that, after having conquered the world he is said to have wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Poor wretch!

Now, let us learn a lesson from these two characters. There is not one in this large and highly intelligent audience who can hope ever to attain to that degree of worldly greatness to which either Solomon or Alexander attained. But there is not one who hears me to-day who cannot, by simple acts of self-denying kindness and benevolence, attain a higher degree of true greatness and enduring happiness than can be derived from commanding victorious armies or wielding a sceptre. To give a cup of cold water to a suffering fellow creature, to wipe the tear from the sufferer's eye, to apply cooling water to the parched lips of the dying is, in the sight of God, a greater and more meritorious work than to rule nations and command armies. It will bring better reward in the consciousness of duty performed. It will afford greater consolation when you come to be stretched on a death-bed. It will insure for you a richer reward in Heaven.

Permit me briefly to allude to two of the principal objections commonly raised against Odd Fellowship. "It is a Secret Society, and Secret Societies are bad." This may be mere prejudice. Ours is, in one sense, a secret organization. It has its passwords and its grips and signs known only to the initiated. But these, besides being perfectly harmless, are necessary to efficiency and to guard against imposition. The other objection to which I would allude is that some Odd Fellows are bad men. Now, our system makes no pretensions to changing the hearts of all who frequent its temples. It inculcates, in the most impressive form, lessons of the highest virtue; but it is powerless utterly to subvert vice. But it would scarcely be fair to conclude that because some of its members are bad Odd Fellowship is, therefore, bad. No institution, no system or organization either moral or religious, could stand much a test. Christ selected twelve disciples; and yet even amongst that small company of chosen followers there was one devil. How unjust it would have been to have judged of the eleven by Judas. So is it everywhere, and in every age; and it is most unfair to render a sweeping verdict of condemnation against our Order because all its members do not live up to its principles and teachings. There are Odd Fellows who are bad men; but a good Odd Fellow cannot be a bad man. It is extremely difficult for an Odd Fellow to be a bad man. The whole work and teaching of the system are eminently calculated to improve our nature; and he who can attend our meetings and engage in our work from week to week and not be the better for it must be a very devil indeed.

I wish to allude here to a popular error. Many think that the benevolence of Odd Fellows is circumscribed by the boundaries of the Brotherhood. This is a mistake. The first duty of an Odd Fellow is to those of his Order,—to Brothers and their wives and children. But charity, although it begins at home, does not stop there. Odd Fellowship does not loosen or lessen the more general claims of humanity. Nay, by its teachings it strengthens and expands them. All other things being equal, an Odd Fellow will not be found less given to works of Charity outside of his Order than other men. On the contrary, he will be more charitable than the average of other men.

Let us now turn for a moment to the contemplation of results. "By their fruits ye shall know them." In the State of California, the Order had, a year ago, 171 Lodges, with a membership of 12,539, the membership having doubled in three years! In the entire American affiliation the membership was, a year ago, 660,259; in Australia 42,000; in British Columbia 200, making a total of 702,459 under the one organization, and this, be it remarked, does not include a numerous section of the Order in the Dominion of Canada and a still more numerous kindred organization in Great Britain. Allowing for the probable increase of 1st year it will be safe to put the membership of our Order in America and Australia at three-quarters of a million. During the fifty years of its existence its revenue has amounted to thirty-two millions, thirteen millions of which has been expended in relief and about twelve millions of which remain on hand. During the year ending 26th April, 1869, 28,254 brothers were relieved, 4,199 widows and families were provided for, while \$131,119.74 was expended in giving decent burial to its dead. And it is well to remember that these figures afford but a very inadequate idea of the amount of work done. The midnight watchings at the bed of sickness or of death; the friendly offices to the bereaved families; the watching over the orphans and the innumerable acts of charity and kindly solicitude and advice which go to make up the full work of our Order would in themselves far outweigh what is represented by these figures. Well may we exclaim, "What hath God wrought?" for it is impossible not to see the hand of an approving Providence in all this. The history of no human institution has been marked by such progress—can point to such results. I regard Odd Fellowship as an institution which has been signally owned and blessed by God, and it may not be too much to claim that it is destined to act an important part in bringing this earth of ours back to that condition of Friendship, Love and Truth, in which it existed prior to the fall of man. I conceive myself justified in asserting, which I do with the most profound reverence and humility, that if all men were Odd Fellows, not merely in name, but in spirit and in truth, that condition foretold in Holy Writ would again exist. To man was given complete dominion over all the lower creation, and it was doubtless under the influence of the fall that the beasts became ferocious and betook themselves to the dark shades of the solitary forest, devouring one another, and, in some instances, even preying upon the "Lord of Creation"—Man. Were the principles and spirit of our Order fully and universally practised, it does not appear altogether unreasonable to believe that the ferocious and the timid beasts and birds would forsake their dark haunts and once more become the companions and the friends of man.

With such a galaxy of beauty before me I must not sit down without addressing a word to the ladies. It is matter of concernment to some to know why the ladies are

excluded from our order. Some have been naughty enough to assert that it is because of a proverbial failing which is said to be peculiar to their sex—their inability to keep a secret. Now I am not quite disposed to accept this view, but rather to attribute the circumstance to something more complimentary. I don't know how it comes; but the ladies appear to be possessed of hearts more tender and more naturally given to works of charity than I fear we generally possess; and it may be that they have no need of the training which we receive. Man has to struggle more directly with the world. Constant contact with its sharpest points and most thorny parts may, perhaps, require that he should be made of sterner stuff; and it is thus that he, more than gentle, confiding, affectionate, tender-hearted woman, stands in need of that training afforded by the inner work of our Lodges.

In conclusion, Brothers, let us work on together in the spirit of Friendship, Love and Truth. Let us strive to act well our part, and so live the principles of our Order, as to commend them to others, looking forward with hopeful anticipation to the period when the tears and woes of this world shall all be submerged by the healing tide that will flow from the fountain of universal benevolence and brotherhood.

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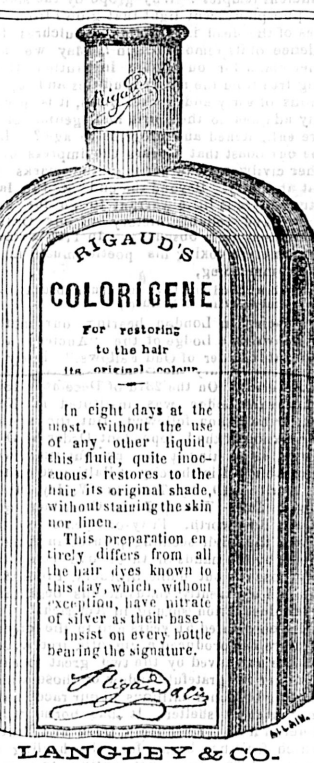
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